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Prairie Gem Ranch

Great Plains Seeds

1949 Crop

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SEED CROP OF 1949, NATIVE PLANTS of the High Plains, Badlands and Black Hills

A select list containing new and choice items, kinds that are accustomed to more frequent deficiencies of moisture than to excesses, that for their own welfare choose well drained soils and situations.

Winter planting of most Great Plains seeds—nature's way—or refrigeration treatment, is advised. Penstemons and various others are most certain with months of freezing.

For culture please refer to our plant catalog, issued in the spring.

Hardy Perennials, 25c the packet, except as noted:

Allium cernuum Nodding Onion, Pearly pink, 6 to 16", July. Delightful.

Allium nuttalli Sand Onion. 8", flower almost red, pleasantly fragrant, early. (Few Packets.)

Allium recurvatum superbum Pagosa Onion. Showy pink, to 20", July. Leaves flat, glaucous.

Allium textile White, green ribbed, 8", early.

Androstephium caeruleum Rare bulb. Umbels, soft blue stars, to 8", May.

Anemone caroliniana The dainty Prairie Anemone. Blue, white or pink, 4 to 10". Mixed colors.

Anemone patens nuttalliana American Pasque. 3 to 4" wide lavender and purple stars, earliest spring. Seed from pink flowered plants, 50c.

Antennaria aprica Lovely very low gray carpenter.

Antennaria obovata Larger leaves in gray-green.

Aquilegia brevistyla Dainty purple and cream, 15".

Aquilegia jucunda Magnificent blue and white Siberian Columbine, to 20". Any soil. 35c.

Argemone intermedia Prickly Poppy. Large flowers, crinkly white silk, through hottest summer.

Arnica fulgens Beautiful golden daisies, 8 to 12", May, June. Foliage gray. Summer dormant.

Artemisia frigida Velvety soft silvery Sage. 15".

Aster caerulescens Excellent medium height, blue, August Aster. Slender, liking some shade.

Aster kumleini A mound sheeted with blue and gold, September, 12 to 15". Sun.

Aster kumleini The same in pink and gold.

Aster ptarmicoides Cream centered fine white. 10 to 14", July, August.

Astragalus crassicaarpus Buffalo Pea. Pastel raspberry blossoms, bright plum-like fruits. Low.

Astragalus goniatus Most attractive colonizer, 4 to 8", heads of lavender and purple, June.

Calochortus nuttalli Mariposa Tulip, Sego Lily. White marked with gold and maroon.

Camassia esculenta Hardy bulb of the central states, plumes of light blue dotted gold.

Chrysopsis villosa Golden Aster. Fine color, summer and fall. Grayish foliage. 12"

Clematis scotti Leathery nodding urns, 10", May. Typically blue to purple. Foliage glaucous.

Clematis scotti A truly exquisite pink, 50c.

Coryphantha vivipara Carmine ball Cactus, to 3".

Dalea aurea A canary yellow Prairie Clover.
Echinacea angustifolia Pink Coneflower. Showy mahogany centered daisies, July 16'.
Erigeron caespitosus Little daisy in fine white.
Erigeron glabellus Lavender tinted little one. 12".
Erigeron macranthus Large lavender-blue daisies in summer, 18", lusty plant.
Erigeron Prairie Gem Possibly a form of *flagellaris*, daintier, less invasive, with lobed leaves.
Gutierrezia sarothrae Golden Dome. 12" rounded vivid green bushlet, turning to gold, September.
Hedeoma camporum Pennyroyal. Little lavender mint flowers in long season, fine fragrance. 10".
Ipomoea leptophylla Big-root Bush Morning-Glory. Handsome reddish blossoms, July on.
Iris missouriensis Slender, silvery light blue, June, July, to 20"
Lathyrus ornatus Charming large flowers, purplish pink and white, May. Non-climbing.
Liatris intermedia Fine dwarf Blazing Star, variety of *L. squarrosa*, 12 to 16", August, Purple spikes.
Liatris ligulistylis Blazing Star, with very large heads. 12 to 20", July. Purple as usual.
Liatris punctata Dwarf Grayfeather. 14", August.
Macaeranthera ramosa Biennial for most brilliant bedding effects in purple-blue, September. 20".
Machaeranthera tanacetifolia Tahoka Daisy, annual. Delightful blue, June to frost, 12".
Malvastrum coccineum Flame Mallow. Long season display of salmon-scarlet. Grayish 10" bushlet.
Mertensia lanceolata Prairie Bluebell. In lavish bloom, April to late June, never exceeding 10".
Mirabilis multiflora Perennial Fourclock, in red-purple, mid-summer to frost. Large, flopping.
Nemastylis acuta Bulb. Intense light Gention blue "grass flowers," near 2" wide. To 10".
Nothocalais cuspidata Rich textured, 2" wide golden blossoms, April, May. 2 to 8".
Oenothera caespitosa Large flowered white, stemless Evening Primrose. Long season.
Oenothera fremonti 3 to 4" wide blossoms in brilliant light yellow. Low gray plant. Rare, 50c.
Oenothera oklahomensis 3" wide blooms in bright yellow. Many stemmed plant to 12". Rare, 50c.
Opuntia fragilis Dwarf Prickly Pear Cactus. Flowers yellow, 2" wide. June.
Opuntia humifusa Very large flowered, brilliant silken yellow, red centered, June.
Opuntia polyacantha Many spined Prickly Pear. Large yellow flowers, May.
Oxytropis lamberti Loco. Rose to purple 12" spikes, June. Good low, all-season leafage.
Oxytropis sericea Beautiful pastel pink, May.
Penstemon albidus Selected extra white, fine types. Some color present. 35c.
Penstemon alpinus Fine large flowered deep blue to 12", July. Foliage dark green.
Penstemon ambiguus Repeated flights of delicate pink butterflies, July, August. Lovely. 50c.
Penstemon angustifolius A melting deep azure in wide closely packed spires, 12" June. Glauous. From select rare white flowered plants, 50c.

- Penstemon aridus* Delightful gem in medium blue, 6 or 8", June. Small cushion, many spikes. 50c.
- Penstemon eriantherus* Large flowered warm lavender in broad spikes. June, 8 to 12".
- Penstemon glaber* Deep blue, large flowered, 18 to 24", July. Foliage dark.
- Penstemon gracilis* Graceful spikes of small light amethyst blossoms. Foliage dark.
- Penstemon grandiflorus* 30" and taller, very large rich lavender. June. Glaucous.
- Seeds of white flowered plants, 35c.
- Seeds of rich pink flowered, 35c.
- Penstemon humilis* Very floriferous and delightful, small flowered, soft blue tinged purple. 8 to 12".
- Penstemon nitidus* May flowering, rich blue with glaucous leaves. 8 to 10".
- Penstemon secundiflorus* Large, reddish lavender, handsome ascending spikes. 18". glaucous.
- Penstemon unilateralis* 20 to 40" tall, blue and purple or purple, very showy and fine.
- Petalostemon purpureus* Purple Prairie Clover. Circlets of orange dotted purple-red, June, July.
- Petalostemon villosus* Gray hairy, prominent foliage, clustered heads of silvery rose, July. 12".
- Solidago pallida* Wide plumes of soft yellow, to 20", September. Fragrant. Non-spreading.
- Talinum calycinum* Dainty afternoon flowers of pink in long season. Low succulent leaves. 10".
- Townsendia exscapa* Easter Daisy. 2" wide, shining pink daisies on 2" evergreen cushion.
- Triteleia grandiflora* (*Brodiaea douglasi*.) Bulb. Showy umbels of blue-lavender, June, at 16".
- Verbena bipinnatifida* Continuous show in bright blue-lilac, May to October. In June from seed.
- Viola adunca* Whiskery little faces of deep violet. Charming little one for good soil.
- Viola montanensis* Light violet-blue in beves on a dense cushion. (Short stock.) 50c.
- Viola nuttalli* Brilliant yellow violet of the sun-drenched prairies, for poor soil.
- Viola pedatifida* Fine flowers of light blue well above the leaves. Will endure much sun.
- Viola rugulosa* A pink tinged selection of the stemmed white violet. 12".
- Zinnia grandiflora* Little single flowered *Zinnia* for hot places and all summer production. 5".

Shrub Seeds, at 25c the packet

- Atriplex canescens* Salt Bush. To 20", gray-green of good all-season effect. Alkaline soil.
- Chrysothamnus graveolens* Large Rabbit Brush. To 36" or more. Grayish, slender leaved bush covered with short spikes of Goldenrod in fall.
- Rosa foliolosa* Pleasant pure white wild rose with glossy small leaves. 10".
- Rosa Mrs. Mina Lindell*. Double wild rose of vivid carmine-rose, mainly June. Upright, 20 to 36".
- Rosa arkansana*, form J. W. Fargo. Very lovely double pink wild rose. Low, 12 to 20". Seeds give some doubles.